

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 11, 13, 15 to 28, and 30 to 38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 18, and 34 to 38 are amended.

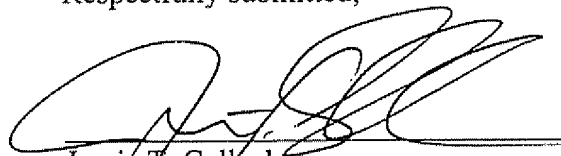
The Office Action sets forth that claims 1 to 11, 13, 15 to 28, and 30 to 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Saadat for the telephonic interview conducted with Attorney Jamie T. Gallagher on October 3, 2006. During that conversation Applicants proposed the claim amendments set forth above. Examiner Saadat indicated that these claim amendments would place each of the independent claims in a condition for allowance.

Claims 2 to 11, 13, 15 to 17, 19 to 28, and 30 to 33 each depend from one of the above referenced independent claims. Thus, each of claims 2 to 11, 13, 15 to 17, 19 to 28, and 30 to 33 are also in a condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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